

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., APRIL 16TH, 2015 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 16th day of April, 2015 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, Mark Gorton is a long time resident of the Town of Grand Island, husband of Debbie and proud father of Sara and Jenna; and

WHEREAS, Mark Gorton graduated from Grand Island High School, where as a senior did the public address announcing for all the Vikings varsity football and boys basketball games; and

WHEREAS, Mark Gorton graduated from the SUNY Buffalo State summa cum laude, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications; and

WHEREAS, Mark Gorton joined WBNY as a radio disc jockey, eventually calling the play-by-play for the Buffalo State Bengals football and basketball games, and then later was a part-time television sports producer at channel 7, and went on to become a polished video editor and producer for the Empire Sports Network, working a season with the Buffalo Sabres; and

WHEREAS, Mark Gorton has been with the Grand Island Central School District since 2005 as their Audio-Visual Technician, giving him opportunities to interact, teach and learn with people of all ages throughout the district, and works closely with the Senior Class each year, attending and recording most of their events while editing their Senior Class video, which has blossomed from a 20-minute motion picture to a 90-minute motion picture today; and

WHEREAS, Mark Gorton has been a board member of the Grand Island School and Business Alliance since 2006, and is the school co-chair of the GISBA Corporate Bowl Academic Challenge, which just concluded its 17th annual event last month; and

WHEREAS, Mark Gorton, in January of 2010, realized his goal of bringing a television station to Grand Island High School with the launching of Viking Vision News, which has been on the air for six seasons with close to 400 episodes, offering students the ability to become television anchors and reporters, providing information, news, features, event highlights, art, sports and so much more to the district and the community; and

WHEREAS, Mark Gorton is once again providing the call for the Grand Island High School football and basketball games, and was named Commencement Speaker for the 2013 graduation ceremony by the class of 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature applauds Mark Gorton for being recognized as the 2014 Educator of the Year by the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, and for his dedication to the community of the Town of Grand Island.

Kevin R. Hardwick
Erie County Legislator – 4th District

Karen M. McCarthy
Erie County Clerk of the Legislature